

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

41-398

REPRODUCED FROM THE  
HOLDINGS OF THE  
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I have vetoed Senate Bill 302 a measure passed during the recently-adjoined session of the Fiftieth Legislature.

This bill provides that in counties with more than 20,000 and less than 60,000 inhabitants the Commissioners' Court may increase the salaries of certain county and precinct officers and their assistants in an amount not to exceed fifteen per cent of the sum being paid in the month of December, 1946, and provides further that in counties with more than 60,000 and less than 190,000 inhabitants the Commissioners' Court shall fix the salaries of these officers in the additional amount of fifteen per cent.

The desirability of providing salary increases for these local officers is not at issue. Cost of living adjustments have been made in State salaries, and increases for local officials should logically follow.

If this bill made it permissive for counties to make these adjustments, there would be no objection to it, and I would have signed it immediately. As far as certain counties are concerned, however, the bill seeks to make it mandatory on the county to grant the increase. The Commissioners' Courts in these counties are told that they shall make these upward adjustments but are not told how they can provide the money.

The bill places the State in the position of invading the areas of local responsibility and authority, and interfering with the prerogative of local government. For that reason, and for that reason only, I am disapproving this measure.

I call attention to the fact that under an amendment to Article 3912, Section 13, by the addition of paragraph e, enacted by the 49th Legislature, the Commissioners' Courts may increase the compensation of the precinct, county and district officers in an additional amount not to exceed 25 percent of the sum allowed under the law for the fiscal year of 1944, as far as lower bracket salaries are concerned. Article 3902 authorizes a 25 percent increase in the compensation of deputies, assistants and clerks in like brackets.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 26th day of June, A. D., 1947.

*Beauford H. Tamm*  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Kirk R. Walling*  
Assistant Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 16 DAY OF June 1947  
AT 11 O'CLOCK AND 43 MINES 3 P.M.  
*Kirk R. Walling*  
Assistant Secretary of State